



EFSEC

**Washington State
Energy Facility
Site Evaluation
Council**



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**STARBUCK POWER PROJECT
NOTICE OF PROJECT SUSPENSION**

Dear Interested Person:

This notice is to advise you that work on the Starbuck Power Project (Project) has been suspended for six months. The proponent, Starbuck Power, LLC, (SPC) has requested that the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) suspend their review of the Project while SPC evaluates various options for the Project including potential sale, prolonged suspension, or termination.

Starbuck Power had proposed to build a 1200-megawatt gas-fired combined cycle power plant near Starbuck, Washington. Under the proposal the Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) would build approximately 17 miles of 500-kV transmission line and a new substation to transmit power generated by the Project into the federal transmission grid.

Bonneville and EFSEC are near completion of a joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Project. This environmental review was undertaken to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). If the Project starts up again, the DEIS will be completed and you will be notified of opportunities to comment on the findings presented in the DEIS. EFSEC has also suspended the adjudicative review of the power plant proposal. If SPC requests that the review be re-initiated, you will be notified of additional opportunities to comment about the siting of the Starbuck Power Project.

You may access more information about the Project on the Bonneville web site at www.efw.bpa.gov and the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov. Any future developments in the Project's status will be posted on these web sites. For further information regarding this Project, you may also contact:

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